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**TOP SECRET****CHAL-0022****Copy 2 of 2****26 April 1958****MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence****SUBJECT : CHALICE Operational Procedures Review****REFERENCES : TS-155064 and TS-155065**

25X1 1. You will remember General LeMay's remarks made when we met with him in his office on 24 April which implied that our mission planning for the Far Eastern Mission [ ] had been defective. You will also remember his subsequent suggestion to you that we consult with SAC in our planning of any future missions.

25X1 2. Subsequent to the meeting with LeMay and your later conversations with him, I asked [ ] our new Director of Operations for the Project, to review our operational procedures and discuss them with the Air Force with a view to ensuring (a) that our performance is thoroughly professional and (b) that we draw on the experience and wisdom available in the Air Force. I have now received from [ ] the above referenced papers which are attached for your information. I believe you may wish to glance through them so as to be prepared in case this matter should be raised with you in the future.

25X1 3. With specific reference to Mission [ ] I believe the attachments will confirm your view that the mission planning was carefully thought through and probably could not have been improved upon. It must be admitted, however, that the tracker malfunction occurred prior to what would have been the turn-back point for a second aircraft. Accordingly, it is possible that we would have had the advantage of tracker film had a second or standby aircraft accompanied the primary mission aircraft fairly close to the point of penetration.

4. With respect to future consultation with SAC, you will note that we are discussing with the Reconnaissance Office of DCS/O Headquarters USAF the procedure for the coordination of mission plans. I will report to you at a later date the results of these conversations.

2 Attachments Cys 1 of each  
(as referenced)

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Special Assistant to the Director  
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NRO review(s) completed.

**SECRET****CHAL-0021****Copy 3 of 3****MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Project Director****26 April 1958****SUBJECT : Operational Procedures Review**

**REFERENCES : A. Memorandum for Project Director, dated 25 Apr. 1958 - TS-155064**  
**B. Memorandum for Director of Operations, dated 25 April 1958 - TS-155065**

1. I have read the referenced papers with interest. Although there is little in them that is new to me I believe reference B is a most impressive account of our operational procedures and is another demonstration of the high caliber and great competence of our Operations Section in which I have the fullest confidence.

2. I am sending these papers to General Cabell for his information in order that he may be well informed of this matter if it should ever again be raised with him by senior Air Force Officers.

3. I note in paragraph 2 of reference A that meetings are being held between personnel of our Operations Section and of the Reconnaissance Office of DCS/O in Headquarters, USAF and that a coordinated Hqs USAF-SAC-Project SOP for mission planning is being prepared. I am sure these meetings will be useful but I would like to have you review carefully any proposed SOP, and I would like to review it myself if I am in Washington before we become committed to it. Accordingly, I believe our Operations Officers should exercise due diplomatic caution in these discussions and seek guidance from you before any proposals are crystalized to a point at which it would be difficult to modify them.

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MEMORANDUM FOR : The Comptroller

SUBJECT : Project CORONA

1. This is to advise that this date I have approved subject project in the amount of [ ] for FY 1958.

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2. You are directed by this memorandum to seek release of the above amount from the Agency Reserve for Contingencies as an unprogrammed requirement for which other funds are not currently available.

3. The Office of Special Assistant for Planning and Development has the responsibility for obtaining the required documentation to support the expenditure of these funds. This Office is also responsible for maintaining appropriate accounting records clearly setting forth the funds received and the expenditure thereof. Such supporting documentation and accounting records will be subject to audit by the Audit Staff of the Agency at the appropriate time.

SIGNED

ALLEN W. DOLLES  
Director

CONCUR:

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/s/  
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SIGNED

28 APR 1958

GENERAL COUNSEL